

Woodvale Methodist Church  
North Street at Huntingdon Square  
Woodvale  
Huntingdon County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: Huntingdon Square, Woodvale, Huntingdon County, Pa.

History and Description: According to church records, the Methodist Episcopal parish at Woodvale was established in the early 1900s, on land leased by the coal company. The original wood-frame, side-steeple building was erected in 1911 by John Deforest, a local carpenter, and members of the congregation. In the mid 1920s, a large addition was made to the original block. The church still stands in its original condition, and the Methodist churches at Woodvale and Robertsdale share a rotating service schedule with the neighboring Broad Top and Cooks congregations.

Project Information and Sources: This report was part of a larger project to document the Rockhill Iron and Coal Company towns of Robertsdale and Woodvale in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), Robert Kapsch, chief, at the request of America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP). For an overview history of the towns that provides the significance and context for this building as well as a comprehensive list of sources see HABS Nos. PA-5553, PA-5484, and PA-5485. See also additional HABS reports on buildings in each town.

Project historian Lola Bennett completed the research and writing for this project during summer 1989 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, senior HABS historian. Bennett's work was published as The Company Towns of the Rockhill Iron and Coal Company: Robertsdale and Woodvale, Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C.: HABS/HAER, National Park Service, 1990). Illustrations in the publication include 35mm photographs taken by Bennett; large-format photographs taken by HAER photographer Jet Lowe; and historic photographs from the collections of Thomas L. Matthews, Kenneth Morgan, Ron Morgan, and the Huntingdon County Historical Society. The publication was compiled and edited by HABS historians Kim E. Wallace and Sara Amy Leach. Contemporary 35mm and historic photographs used in the publication as well as other miscellaneous research materials were transmitted to the AIHP collection at Stapleton Library, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pa.